from 1st October, 2001. A Supplementary Demand for Grants, 2001-02 has been presented in the Parliament seeking its approval for setting up the Special Railway Safety Fund, which will become operational after the approval of Parliament is obtained. Meanwhile, the identification of works to be charged to Special Railway Safety Fund in the current year has also been done.

Construction of ROBs in H.P.

†2858. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the people's representatives in Himachal Pradesh have requested the Railways for construction of overbridges/under bridges on roads in Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken with regard to each of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement is attached.

Statement

Every representation was attended to immediately and the representationists were apprised of the position, as per details given below

S. No.	Representation (S/Sh.)	Demand Raised	Remarks
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1.	Sant Ram, Forest Minister, Govt. of Himachal & Sant Mahajan, MP	Road Over Bridge at Level crossing near Ganesh Bazar, Baijnath, H.P. on Pathankot-Joginder Nagar Railway line.	The demand was for provision of Road Over Bridge in lieu of L.C. No. 323 at km. 143/2-3 on Pathankot—Joginder Nagar railway line. Traffic density at the level crossing being quite

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			meagre *i.e.* 6898 TVUs of 1999 the railway can consider the proposal on deposit basis, if the same is sponsored by the State Govt. No proposal has been received from State Govt. so far.
2.	Kamla Dutt, Pradhan Gram Panchayat, Bisa Bhamdev Anand Paswan, M.P.	Widening of existing railway bridge No. 600 at Km. 71/0-1 at Dharighat on Kalka —Shimla section for providing motorable road under the bridge.	The piers of the existing bridge are in stone masonry, widening of its span is not feasible to provide for motorable road.
3.	Suresh Chandel, M.P. Ramesh Kumar Bashisht, Pradhan, Una	Road Over Bridge at village Bhadolia—Kalan between Delhi—Una railway line.	No level crossing is existing at the proposed site. However, an unauthorized pedestrian crossing (tress passing) for village Bhadolia Kalan at Km. 1146-7 is existing in place of which Road Over Bridge is demanded. Provision of Road Over Bridge is feasible on deposit basis only *i.e.* if the same is sponsored by the State Govt. agreeing to bear the whole cost. No proposal has been received from State Govt. so far.
4.	Sarve Darshan, Pradhan Gram Panchayat, Dohra & Suresh Chandel, M.P.	Road Over Bridge at Km. 720 on Pathankot—Joginder Nagar section.	The proposal can be undertaken on deposit basis by railway if the same is sponsored by the State Govt. as the traffic density at the level crossing No. 151-C at Km. 730-1 of 1997 was 16058. No proposal has been received from State Govt. so far.

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5.	Suresh Chandel, MP & Thakur Vikram Singh, Vice President, Khadi evam Gram Udyog Board, Queen's Land Shimla	Road Over Bridge on Pathankot—Joginder Nagar railway line.	The demand is for provision of Road Over Bridge at Km. 720 near villages Gathuntar and Guler where no approach road exists and track is in cutting, hence, it was advised that the proposal can be undertaken on deposit terms by Railway if the same is sponsored by the State Govt. No proposal has been received from State Govt. so far.
6.	Kirpal Parmar, M.P.	Road Over Bridge at Gathutar on Pathankot Jogindernager Section	-do-
7.	Prem Kumar Dhumal, Chief Minister, H.P.	Road Over Bridge at Jabli and Chamba Ghat on Kalka—Shimala railway line.	Hon'ble C.M. was twice requested to sponsor proposals for construction of Road Over Bridges at LC No. 4-A and 5-A on cost sharing basis and deposit terms respectively as the LC No. 4-A is qualifying for replacement by Road Over Bridge on cost sharing basis due to traffic density being more than 1 lakh TVUs where as LC No. 5-A is having traffic density of less than 1 lakh TVUs hence can be taken up on deposit terms. Even after repeated reminders no proposal has yet been received from the State Govt. On receipt of the proposal Railway will take further action.

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8.	Gram Panchayat Tabba & Suresh Chandel, M.P.	Road Over Bridge at Village Tabba on Una—Nangal Railway line.	Demand is for Road Over Bridge at Km. 1168-9 on Nangal Dam—Una section near village Tabba where a Kutcha Road exists connecting village Rakkar on main road. Road Over Bridge is feasible and can be undertaken on deposit basis by railway if the same is sponsored by the State Govt.
9.	Thakur Gulab Singh, Speaker, Legislative Assembly, H.P.	Road Over Bridge near Bhatwara village	Demand was for construction of Road Over Bridge at Km. 1496-7 near level crossing No. D-331 which is a cattle crossing Road Over Bridge is feasible and can be undertaken on deposit basis by railway if the same is sponsered by the State Govt.
10.	Pradhan Gram panchayat, Talara	Road Over Bridge at Talara on Pathankot—Jogindar Nagar section.	Demand was for construction of Road Over Bridge at Km. 29-125 at LC No. D-53 near Talara railway station which is a cattle crossing. Road Over Bridge is feasible and can be undertaken on deposit basis by railway if the same is sponsored by the State Govt. Gram Panchayat Talara was advised on 20-6-2001 to deposit Rs. 40,000/- towards survey and planning charges. But they are yet to respond.
11.	Suresh Chandel, MP & Pradhan Gram Panchayat, Bhatoli	Permission to pass the vehicles through existing culvert No. 246.	Proposal is not feasible due to hill on up stream side of bridge.

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12.	Maheshwar Singh, MP	Road Over Bridge on Pathankot—Joginder Nagar railway line at LC No D-331 (Cattle crossing)	Demand is in lieu of cattle crossing No. D-331 at Km. 149/6-7 which can be acceded to on deposit terms by Railway if the same is sponsored by the State Govt. No proposal has been received from State Govt. so far.

Private sector participation in modernisation of Railways

†2859. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow participation of private sector in modernization and technological upgradation of the Indian Railways; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Modernisation and Technological upgradation in the Railways is a continuous and need based process. Technological inputs from the private sector is also a part of this process.

Slum dwellers on Railway land in Mumbai

2860. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of slum dwellers are living illegally on the Railway land in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what action is being taken by the Ministry to get back its land from illegal encroachments; and

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